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SUBJECT: CHINA NEEDS TIME TO STUDY HORN OF AFRICA PIRACY
CONTACT GROUP AND UNSC RESOLUTION

REF: A. STATE 129941
[1](#)B. STATE 130496

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[1](#)1. (C) PolOff on December 11 conveyed to MFA International Organizations and Conferences Department United Nations Division Deputy Director Shen Bo ref A points inviting China's participation as a founding member in a new Contact Group (CG) on piracy off the Horn of Africa. Shen recalled that International Organizations and Conferences Department Director General Wu Hailong had on December 8 stressed to visiting State Department International Organizations Bureau Assistant Secretary Brian Hook that China strongly supports "appropriate international efforts" to combat piracy off the Horn of Africa. Shen was non-committal on China's participation in the planned Contact Group, however, saying China would need to study the details of the U.S. proposal before making a substantive reply.

[1](#)2. (C) PolOff on December 12 followed up with ref B clarifications on the draft U.S. resolution on Somalia piracy. Shen had not received a full briefing from New York on discussions of the resolution but was grateful for our clarifications and promised to pass them on. MFA still has no substantive reply on the Contact Group.
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